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Film Viewers and Readers

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A visit was made 12 Sept. and it was still 108° in the shade. Thank goodness for air conditioning.

Production of the eight viewers, Model 706V, was going well, with shipment expected on or before 15 Oct. The contract calls for delivery by 1 Nov. with best effort to deliver by 15 Sept.

Principal bottleneck was [redacted] switches for which they requested assistance in procurement. [redacted] had promised delivery 8/26 and repromised it 9/29. Apparently they were now talking about delivery in Oct. All other purchased parts except cannon connectors were on hand. With timely receipt of these items they might get 4 viewers ready by 30 Sep Sept., otherwise there was no possibility.

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These viewers have square tube frames which are much more rigid than the angle frames. They also have 1" thick mirrors ground to precision flatness by [redacted]

[redacted] is now working at [redacted] and has set up mirror grinding equipment.

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They claimed that [redacted] had found the problem in their lamphouse condenser lenses and had respaced the elements - to elements to eliminate the color fringing.

Design of the 12 new single mirror viewers is under way. I suggested they get [redacted] involved in their mirror mount design because they can very easily ruin his precision flatness by improper mounting. They were concerned that the overall length is over 9 feet and the viewer will not go into a freight elevator. ~~The~~ They are planning to make the frame in two sections which can be unbolted for moving.

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